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### TIME AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

ANALYST: INCREASING VIOLENCE AND INCREASING FRUSTRATION IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA POINT TO WHAT VOA NEWS ANALYST GEORGE HALSEY SEES AS AN INCREASING SHORTAGE -- A SHORTAGE OF TIME.

VOICE: IT HAS BEEN ALMOST ELEVEN YEARS SINCE RHODESIA TOOK IT UPON ITSELF TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN -- A DECLARATION THAT NO COUNTRY HAS RECOGNIZED AND THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS CONDEMNED. IT HAS BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS TOLD SOUTH AFRICA THAT IT NO LONGER COULD RULE SOUTHWEST AFRICA OR NAMIBIA UNDER THE OLD LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE. BOTH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, COMMITTED TO WHITE MINORITY RULE, HAVE RESISTED. THE YEARS HAVE PASSED, AND NOW THE TIME AVAILABLE TO PEACEFULLY SOLVE THE CRISES CAUSED BY RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN STUBBORNESS IS BEING MEASURED IN TERMS OF WEEKS AND MONTHS.

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER BELIEVES THERE STILL IS SOME TIME TO HEAD OFF RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. BUT THERE IS VERY LITTLE, AND IT WILL TAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF VISION LEADERSHIP AND LUCK TO REACH PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS. MR. KISSINGER ACKNOWLEDGED IN HIS SPEECH TUESDAY THAT THERE IS NOTHING INEVITABLE ABOUT SUCCESS IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

(OPT) TWO SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS RETURNED THIS WEEK FROM VISITS TO SOME OF THE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS BORDERING RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA. THEY SAID THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN INCREASING LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN THE AREA WAS NOT MATCHED BY AN INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS IN SEEKING NON-VIOLENT SOLUTIONS. (END OPT)

NEVERTHELESS, MR. KISSINGER IS COMMITTED TO A GOOD TRY. AS BEFORE, THE IMMEDIATE FOCUS IS ON WHAT SOUTH AFRICA CAN AND WILL DO IN REGARD TO BOTH RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICA HAS CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC LEVERAGE OVER THE IAN SMITH GOVERNMENT, AND HAS SAID IT SUPPORTS MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. AGAIN, THE LARGE QUESTION IS TIME. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE BRITISH CALL FOR MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN 18 TO 24 MONTHS. RHODESIAN INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE ALREADY HAS BROUGHT VIOLENCE -- GUERRILLA ATTACKS ON WHITE RHODESIANS AND RETALIATION BY RHODESIAN FORCES. THE PICTURE IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY LACK OF UNITY AMONG BLACK RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS. MR. KISSINGER SAID THAT CONTINUED DIVISION MAY SERVE TO DELAY, OR EVEN DEFEAT THAT WHICH THEY HAVE FOUGHT SO LONG TO ACHIEVE.

IN NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA HAS GONE PART WAY TOWARD MEETING A UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE. A MULTI-RACIAL COMMITTEE HAS SET INDEPENDENCE FOR THE END OF 1978, BUT IT HAS NOT CALLED FOR FREE ELECTIONS. MOREOVER, THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT INCLUDED THE ORGANIZATION THAT BLACK AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THE ONLY TRUE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE -- THE SOUTHWEST AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, KNOWN AS SWAPO.

AND IN SOUTH AFRICA, ITSELF, OF COURSE, THERE HAS BEEN RECENT VIOLENT PROTEST AGAINST THE PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATE RACIAL DEVELOPMENT, KNOWN AS APARTHEID. MR. KISSINGER DESCRIBED IT AS A SYSTEM THAT INSTITUTIONALIZES HUMAN INEQUALITY IN A WAY REPUGNANT TO THE WORLD'S CONSCIENCE.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THE SECRETARY WILL BE IMPRESSING UPON SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER WHEN THEY MEET IN ZURICH THIS WEEKEND. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF THE WEEKEND DISCUSSIONS, THE SECRETARY WILL DECIDE WHETHER PROSPECTS FOR IMMEDIATE PROGRESS ARE REAL ENOUGH FOR HIM TO VISIT AFRICAN LEADERS AGAIN. A DECISION TO DO SO WOULD BE SOME INDICATION THAT ALTHOUGH TIME IS SHORT FOR NON-VIOLENT SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IT HAS NOT YET RUN OUT COMPLETELY.